

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT

REF: TAIPEI 05013

1. DURING AUGUST 3 CALL ON PREMIER Y.S. SUN TO INTRODUCE DCM, AT WHICH MOFA VICE MINISTER FRED CH'EN ALSO PRESENT, I REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE TEAM. EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TEAM HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THE ACCESS IT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO REQUESTED SITES, I SAID THAT AS SUN WAS PROBABLY AWARE, THROUGH CH'EN, THE TEAM NEVERTHELESS HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CERTAIN MATTERS WHICH UNLESS DEFINITELY RESOLVED COULD, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RIGOROUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1978 NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT, HAVE GRAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND EQUIPMENT TO THE ROC, IMPLICATIONS TO WHICH AS AN OLD HAND AT TAIPower HE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE. I ALSO BRIEFLY NOTED THAT ON THE POSITIVE SIDE THE TEAM SAW DISTINCT POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANSION AT INER OF THE KIND OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH WHICH COULD HAVE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES FOR TAIPower. FINALLY I NOTED THAT ONCE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE TEAM VISIT WAS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON I

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WOULD RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT.

2. IN RESPONSE SUN SAID THAT HE WOULD CONFINE HIS COMMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE MERELY TO REMIND ME THAT WHEN HE WAS PREMIER, CHIANG CHING-KUO HAD COME TO A CLEAR-CUT DECISION (HERE SUN GESTURED EMPHATICALLY) THAT THE ROC WOULD CONFINE ITSELF SOLELY TO PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

AND COOPERATE WITH THE USG FULLY TOWARD THAT END. THERE  
MIGHT BE TECHNICAL POINTS TO BE CLARIFIED, SAID SUN, BUT  
THE ROC'S POSITION ON THE MAIN ISSUE WAS CLEAR AND  
UNEQUIVOCAL. UNGER

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